If you're gonna dress up, do it like this
#20
Stare~~~
That looks wonderful!
I wonder where she bought it...
Hey, your jacket looks really cute.
Right?
That's what I thought too
That person can pull off a military jacket so easily...
She looks so fashionable~

Where did you buy that?
GLARE
I want to know too!!!
Eh? But it's not a brand name item or anything, you know.
That's fine, that's fine. Where did you get it from?
Me too..
I can't hear anything
I want to know too..
Uhm, let's see...
Ueno ...
Okachi-machi ...
Rattle
Specialty store ...
Shiver shiver...
What a strange face that girl is making..

O-
Slam
Onii-chan!!
Uwah
What? What!?
Step Step
Oni...
"Ueno"
"Okachi-machi"
"Military specialty shop"!!
Tremble
Tremble
"Ueno"
"Okachi-machi"...
What?
"Military specialty shop"!
Ueno
Okati-mati...
The heck is that?
Are you chanting a spell? That's so scary!!

But a military jacket?
You?
Isn't this the perfect season for it?
If you wanted to look it up, why not just say so?
I had to chant it on my way home so I wouldn't forget.
I saw a person who looked really good in it.
It made me wanna try it out too.
Your MA-1 is a military jacket too, onii-chan.
Ah
Really?
Hmm
Is it trending right now?
I guess you can say that, but it's more of a basic item.

"Military specialty shop"!
Is that so...
Right, right.
Uhmm...
What was it...
Ueno!
Oka-chi-ma-chi!
Eh
Ah, you're right.
Are you sure this is it?
The search returned a really janky looking website.
Hm?
Fidget
fidget
Is it okay for a girl like me to go into one of these shops?
I'm sure nothing bad will happen...
Ehh...
Doki doki
This is the store that sells that jacket...

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Waah!
It's a military uniform shop!
Swift swift
But we might find a bargain in a place like this!
Aren't you having too much fun...?
So they have a store like this...
I feel like I'm being overwhelmed...

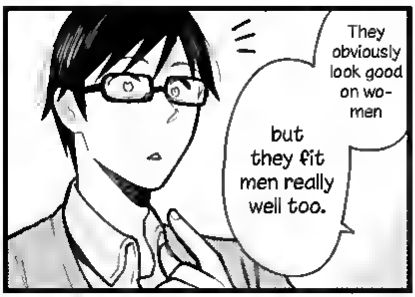
I guess anyone would be a bit over-whelmed.
All of these are military uniforms
Hm?
Is that...
I think I've been to your shop once...
Aah!
Are you perhaps the one who came to our store to try on some coats?
Greetings, greetings.
Uhm, hey
excuse me.
Aren't you the store clerk from that clothing shop in Shinjuku?

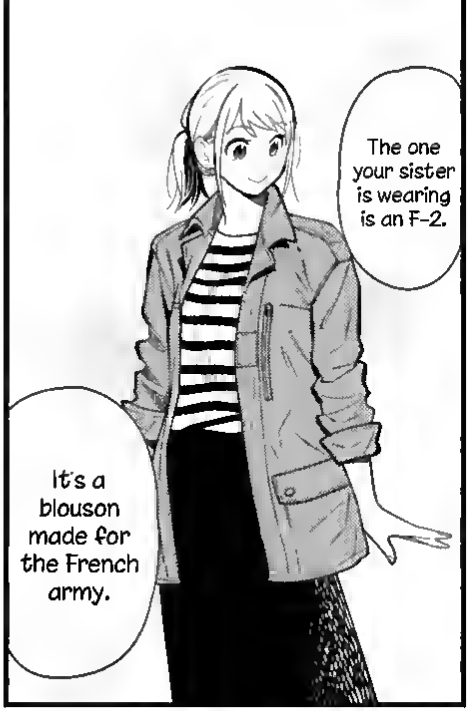
Eh
A lot of apparels and designer items end up in these stores you know.
Aha ha
Someone as fashionable as you also come to these kinds of stores?
I'm really surprised.
No matter what anyone says
Nakatasho-ten is the best place for military fashion in all of Japan.
Ehh~
I would love for more people to know about it though.
This is an old shop, and they don't advertise that often anymore
Hm...
So it's like one of those shops that are only well known to those with the hobby?

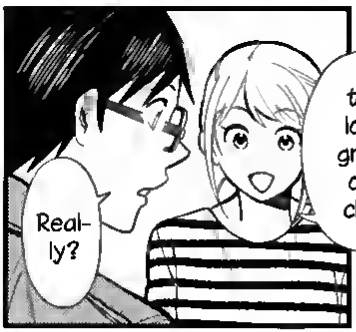
I don't think that's true at all.
But the military uniforms they sell here are the real deal, right?
I just can't think of a way for them to be used for fashion at all.
They have a lot of military jackets here.
You can look plenty cool just putting one on.
This one, for example.
An M-51 field jacket.
Ahaha...
This is a bit too big for me...

Looks like there's no way my figure can fit into a soldier's clothes.
Loose
No no no the sleeve is made to be extendable.
So you just need to fasten the cuffs a little bit
and the impression it gives can change drastically
Oh, that looks really fashionable
Eh
This is a fashion store clerk I know
Check this out, onii-chan!
Doesn't this jacket look cool?

Ehh
Grip
French military uniforms are generally always fashionable!


They obviously look good on women
but they fit men really well too.


The one your sister is wearing is an F-2.
It's a blouson made for the French army.


Really?
Oh that looks great, onii-chan.

Yeah, that looks really good on you.

They were made for usability and practicality
so there are very little redundancies.
Did you know that military wear is the root of all men's fashions?
So that means ...
Ooh!
That kind of simplicity is associated with maturity in fashion.
You need to adapt certain parts of it in accordance to the T, P, and O that way you can look fashionable.
Military wear is not something for everyday usage.
If I wear a full body set of military wear, then that would be the most fashionable thing ever?

*TL/N: TPO: a Japanese acronym, meaning Time, Place and Occasion

But even if you don't intend to wear full military,
it has already made its way into our daily lives
in terms of fashion, at least.
The mod coat, the peacoat and the trench coat...
All of them came from military wear too.
Eeehh~
The camo pattern is very common.
Military coats are so multi-functional
Gulp
And they're a lot cheaper than I thought ...
A lot more reasonable than brand name items, right?
Thank you very much.
Ahaha
You're great at giving recommendations!

Onii-chan
you can buy that if you like it.
Eh?
Is that okay?
.....
Smile
But this is the one you want, Tamaki...
Yeah, it's fine.
But can I borrow it when you're not wearing it?
Of course you can...
She's pretty stingy though...
You guys are very close.
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UFURU
SLIP
Then I'll buy this boonie hat with the money you have leftover

Sorry to intrude on you guys when you were in the middle of shopping.
I keep forgetting my manners when I talk about clothes.
No no no!
Thank you for joining us today!
Definitely drop by my shop sometimes
Okaaay
Getting to know more about military wear was really interesting.
I'm glad you had fun.
Learning about the history of fashion was so much fun.
What a great shopping trip we had.
Yup~

My F-2...
You can't wear these casual clothes on weekdays, right?
Hey, Tamaki...
You're wearing that today too?
What a bargain~
My little sister really is stingy~
So on weekdays they're all mine!

#20 END

MB's Note #20

Military wears

Back when I was around 20 years old, I was trapped in a chronic state of poverty. During these dark times, a powerful ally in satisfying my never ending fashion craze was "second hand military wear."

"I can buy a coat for just 3,000 yen!? Eehhhh!? Leather shoes for just 5,000 yen!? Whaaaa!? A sweater for 900 yen!!?" ... is what drove me into a military wear craze, turning a blind eye to my financial situation.

But being cheap is not the only selling point of military clothing. As my clone has explained in the chapter, trench coats, peacoats, cargo pants and lace-up boots are all popular fashion items that can be traced back to military wear.

Military clothes were designed to be simple by necessity, so that they can be worn when carrying out missions. Their simplicity is their strength, and the underlying charm of men's fashion can be traced back to this simplicity. Even world famous designers when asked about their source of inspiration will answer "The motif was from the French military's pants" or "I traced this from the Swedish army camouflage."

And now, military wear, "the root of men's fashion", can be bought at Ameyoko in Ueno for a shockingly low price! Among the stores in the area, "Nakatashoten" is a mecca and must-go for apocalypse survival enthusiasts and fashion addicts alike. If you ever decide to give this place a visit, you might find yourself jam packed in the middle of amazing deals. Even if you don't have any money, please give it a try!

I write a blog,
by the way~

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